

**Kansas City Health Commission Retreat
September 5, 2008**

The Health Commission selected six health focus areas, from its 2008 health priorities. These six health focus areas are established for two years. And these six health focus areas are listed below, accompanied by the beginnings of "smart" goals. However, "smart" goals do not accompany the first three health focus, because they were currently being addressed by at least one of the Health Commission's Committees.

- **Health Focus Area:** Invite continued participation by Safety Net Providers, Community Advocates, and City Departments, to improve the health of Kansas City residents
- **Health Focus Area:** Improve focus on infant mortality
- **Health Focus Area:** Advocate for the best possible clean indoor air ordinance, based on nationally accepted best practices
- **Health Focus Area:** Improve mental health disease management, so those with long term mental health challenges will not die 25 years younger than the general population
 - *have our expert and others provide data and identify key mental health issues, to the health commission, in the next 3 months*
 - *identify individuals and agencies and make linkages, to mental health agencies, in order to hold an exploring meeting or presentation or orientation, to the health commission, within the next 6 months*
 - *identify legislation, which impacts mental health services, in the next 12 months and respond (HC) to the legislation, in a timely manner*
 - *discover and or develop a mechanism, to receive input from clients, and stakeholders in the mental health area, in the next 12 months*
 - *explore interconnectivity of mental health issues, in other focus areas and raise awareness through mini presentations, to focus areas in the next 12 months*
 - *Mentor: Tom Cranshaw*
- **Original Health Focus Area:** Help reduce the impact of health issues on crime and violence statistics, creating healthy neighborhoods across the city will reduce hopelessness, which in turn reduces crime and violence
- **Rewritten Health Focus Area:** Help reduce impact crime, violence, and perceived safety issues on the overall health of the community, creating healthy neighborhoods across the city will reduce hopelessness, which in turn reduces crime and violence
 - *Inventory city departments that have activities related to crime, within the next 6 months*
 - *Piece together a picture of crime and current interventions*

- *Walkers on watch program*
 - *Form collaborations with agencies working on crime, such as crestview, Mosca, move up, and guardian angels*
 - *The first step should be to review data on previous Mayors' Taskforce Against Crime and update report, within the next 6 months: Health Planning Committee*
 - *Look at program around preventing career prisoners*
 - *Health Departments' 2009 Community Health Assessment should focus on measures around violence*
 - *Look at proven best practices in other communities*
 - *Prevention – Look at data about the environment (such as street lights, green space, sewer and lead) and its relationship to crime and violence*
 - *Take best practice and look at September 24 neighborhood community presentation*
- **Original Health Focus Area:** Improve health care access, quality and outcomes among Kansas City residents, while focusing on decreasing minority health disparities

Rewritten Health Focus Area: Improve health care access, quality and outcomes among Kansas City residents, while focusing on health equity, primary and secondary prevention

Needs:

- *Community input*
- *Comparative data from other communities (MN, CA)*
- *Advocacy – marketing plan*
- *Reporting*
- *Data collection – needs assessment*

Goals:

- *Greater dispersion of primary care into neighborhood sites*
- *Measure community input: number of participants and number of community forums*
- *Wellness: grocery stores, control crime, community ownership, and buy-in*
- *Increase primary care visits (medical home health management)*
- *Decrease emergency room visits,*
- *for causes that could have been prevented*
- *Opening of two new clinics, by 2009*